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Buftea

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from the Braila warehouse 12 spools of underground cable of size 101/61 with 500 meters of cable on each spool. Similar cable spools were sent to Buftea from other localities. These spools were from a stock of 15 which had been hoarded at Braila.

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the cables were to be used for secret and very important work in progress at a castle where General Antonescu formerly had his headquarters. Communication installations at this site were to be made underground and greatly expanded; previously telephone wire had been strung on poles. it was possible that the Rumanian General Staff might move its headquarters to this castle if Bucharest were bombed out.

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Ploesti Circuit Expansions

2.

dispatch with all possible haste to Ploesti all three millimeter wire available from the Covurlui, Putna and Tecuci areas. Although the material requested was greatly needed at the point of origin,

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30,000 kilograms shipped by railroad and trucks.

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the communication construction project lasted from 30 to 45 days; there were 12 railroad car loads or 120,000 kilograms used by 150 specialists from the telephone company. The project was to prepare the telephone system for operation in the event of bombing, with the new installations to be used should communications be disrupted between Bucharest and Ploesti and other nearby localities whose circuits go through Ploesti.

Danube Delta

3. Communications installations in this region were completed in December 1950. The existing telephone communications from Sfantul Gheorghe-Bulgarian frontier were originally scheduled for completion by the

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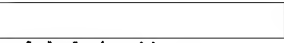
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Rumanian Army, but because of the lack of army specialists, the project was finally accomplished by telephone company specialists. Forty railroad cars of material were used, including approximately 1,100 oak telephone poles and the necessary wire. The telephone instruments were not installed by telephone company personnel; this task was to be undertaken by the Army utilizing field telephones. The Army employed 150 workers and specialists as well as about 200 soldiers. The group used tugboats, lighters and motorboats in the operation. At one point, several soldiers and civilian specialists were almost drowned because of storms. Later, the civilians were rewarded for their exploits and cited in the telecommunications bulletin published by the Ministry of Communications.

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